

## Milestones

- **Day 5-40**, February 8, 2002, 2002 Olympic Winter Games and Paralympics. The Utah Department of Public Safety along with other local, state, and federal agencies provided security for the world as Utah hosted the games. This was the largest security effort to date in the United States. Together the security forces provided a safe and secure environment with no significant interruption in the Games. Tom Ridge and John Ashcroft stated that Utah was a model for the nation for the security effort.
- **Day 164**, July 17, 2002, leaders from the Utah Olympic Public Safety Command were recognized by the White House in Washington DC for their outstanding accomplishments leading the security effort for the 2002 Olympic Winter Games. Commissioner Robert L. Flowers, Director David Tubbs, Major Stu Smith, and Lt. Colonel Scott Behunin were presented the United States Attorney Generals Award for Outstanding Contributions to Community Partnerships for Public Safety for their extra ordinary leadership during the games.
- **Day 192**, August 14, 2002, the Utah Highway Patrol was recognized by the National Association of Uniform Manufacturers and Distributors and Law and Order Magazine as the "Best Dressed" state law enforcement agency in the nation. Each day State troopers present themselves in a professional manner and serve the citizen of Utah with pride and dignity.
- **Day 196**, August 18, 2002, the Utah Highway Patrol was recognized nationally and presented the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administration Award for its efforts in reducing accidents statewide by 6%. One of the primary missions of UHP is to reduce accidents and save lives. Through conscientious enforcements efforts and pre-planned coverage and analysis, the UHP was able to help make Utah roads safer for the citizens of Utah and those who travel through the state.
- **Day 265**, October 26, 2002, the Utah Department of Public Safety aeronautics bureau assisted local law enforcement agencies in the location and recovery of the 50<sup>th</sup> person. Since acquiring two helicopters in February of 2001, DPS has flown hundreds of missions and assisted in many different functions across the State with the helicopter program. DPS also has a fixed wing airplane that assist's local law enforcement to help make Utah a safer place to live.
- **Day 281, November 11**, 2002, state trooper Kelly Roberts working in the Richfield area was recognized nationally for his efforts on a homicide suspect he arrested from a traffic stop. Trooper Roberts stopped the vehicle for not having a front license plate and through his investigation, found two homicide victims in the car. He was presented the Grand Prize Award winner from the International Association of Chiefs of Police Highway Safety Committee. Trooper Roberts' award is part of the national "Looking Beyond the License Plate" program that recognizes officers who uncover more serious crimes by staying alert during regular traffic stops.
- **Day 391**, March 1, 2003, the Utah office of Homeland Security opened its 350<sup>th</sup> case file. Utah was one of the first states in the nation to have a fully operational Office of Homeland Security. The Monday following the 9-11 attacks in New York City, Utah was operational and fully staffed. This office plays a vital role in helping to provide safety and security for the citizens of Utah and important infrastructures. Homeland Security works closely with other local, county and federal law enforcement agencies.
- **Day 438**, April 17, 2003, Governor Leavitt holds announces that all Utah Highway Patrol troopers vehicles statewide are now equipped with state of the art technology which enables them to provide enhanced customer service while performing their duties more efficiently eliminating the need for redundant data entry. The system provides Web access to many of the reports and provides management with statistical information including graphing. This gives them the ability to use real time data to identify trends and develop effective strategies for dealing with problem areas. The MDCS system has received national recognition and was awarded the 1999 NASIRE award for Outstanding Achievement In Intergovernmental Applications.